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- 7. Between 28 December 1951 and 15 January 1952, only sentries wearing red-
- Trucks each towing a 122-mm howitzer entered the 50X1-HUM Dissenchen Kaserns on 15 January, coming from the training area at Merzdorf. Fresh imprints of tank treads led to the billeting area. A local resident said that four tanks were stationed at the installation. (4)
- On 15 January, the easternmost building of the Hermann Loens Kaserne was occupied by about 250 officers, including some with tank and artillery insignia.

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50X1-HUM Some infantry majors and captains in addition to some administrative officers who came from the officers' billets on Fontaneplatz were also seen during the days preceding 15 January. Trucks each carrying about 20 officers ranking from lieutenant up to and including captain, left the installation every morning in the direction of Spremberg and returned to it toward evening. Almost daily, 50X1-HUM three plateons of 30 unarmed soldiers each were seen receiving close-order drill in the billeting area. Fourteen medical officers arrived in the installation in several sedans on 2 January and were received by a medical officer stationed in the Hermann Loens Kaserne. 50X1-HUM the commanding officer of the troops in the installation was a colonel who wore tank insignia and was said to hold the position of division commander. A raised portion of the ground in the southern section of the billeting area indicated that there was an underground installation because entrances led to it from the north and stove pipes emitting smoke projected from the top. 50X1-HUM Planking was hauled to the place by two trucks on h January and carried underground. One of the trucks had from 20 to 30 tanks were sheltered in this underground structure. Vehicles regularly observed at the Hermann Loens Kaserne 50X1-HUM Vehicles seen there sporadically Comments. (1) The artillery insignia mentioned in paragraph 1 possibly confirms the 692d How Arty Regt of the 9th Mecz Div, the bulk of which is carried in the Alvensleben Kaserne. The observation of soldiers practicing with AA guns on Viehmarkt adjoining the installation to the west indicates that components of the division's 1719th AAA Regt may be stationed there. The regiment has not been confirmed in the Funker Kaserne since the spring of 1951; nor is the information on the Funker Kaserne indicative of the presence of the AAA regiment. Truck 50X1-HUM mentioned in paragraph 6 of the present report, belongs to the 616th Mort Regt which has not been confirmed in its previous quarters in the Landesirrenanstalt (insane asylum) at Luebben since August 1951. It is therefore possible that a hitherto unnoticed reshuffling of units took place in the billeting area of the 9th Necz Div upon the return of the units from the Weisswasser troop training grounds. 50X1-HUM confirms previous estimates regarding t 50X1-HUM (2) The information occupation of the Hermann Loens Kaserne. An officer training course seems to have been conducted during the period covered by 50X1-HUM the present report. The alleged sheltering of tanks in underground garages is reported from the Soviet Zone of Germany for the first time and requires confirmation. Most of the vehicles observed in the installation belong to components of the 9th Mecz Div, It is usual at the location of a division headquarters. 50X1-HUM The information on the Sachsendorff Kaserne furnishes no new data. The vehicles observed there belong to the 91st Tank Regt in Luebben. (4) The 67.2-mm artillery pieces and the few tanks in the Dissenchen Kaserne only vaguely confirm the 71st Mecz Regt which is carried there. The trucks towing 122-mm howitzers which, according to paragraph 9, moved into the installation belong to the 692d How Arty Regt, was probably misidentified 50X1-HUM The Dissenchen Kaserne possibly contains a major fuel depot or tank repair shop. The stock record is believed to belong to the fuel supply point of the 9th Mecz Div appears monthly as the unit supplying major 50X1-HUM quantities of motor oil. The supply point may be located in the Dissenchen Kaserne or the Alvensleben Kaserne. 50X1-HUM

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